

Belmont Vision Implementation Committee
Minutes of June 11, 2009 meeting
(Approved with changes 7-13-09)

Kirk Hazlett (chair), Paul Solomon, Jennifer Page, and Tim Bowman were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Hazlett at 7:20pm in the Flett Room of the Belmont Public Library.

With this being Hazlett's last meeting discussion of his successor as chair commenced. It was decided not to elect a chair at this time, but rather to take turns convening meetings until a new chair is elected at a later time. Bowman will convene the next meeting.

The next meeting is June 25 and it is possible there will not be a quorum with several members already scheduled to be unavailable that evening. It was decided members would be polled before the June 25 meeting to decide if there would be enough in attendance and what the group might work on.

The VIC members drive flyer was distributed at the June 1 Town Meeting. There have been no inquiries as a result.

Hazlett will craft and submit a series of articles in the Belmont Citizen Herald about Meet Belmont, to include additional information about VIC and membership.

The Committee then turned to the topic of civic engagement. A lively discussion was had; ideas included:

- Host a "brainstorming" session with VIC, the League of Women Voters, and Town officials.
- Draft a plan and share it with others (perhaps those listed above) for feedback and ideas.
- Create a brochure to be used at "Meet Belmont" and other events. The brochure could also be used as a base for similar material on the Town web site. Hazlett offered to draft a brochure in time for "Meet Belmont".
- Rather than approach this as a drive for civic engagement encourage citizen involvement through the topical areas they are interested in—schools, Town services, etc.
- Add a page on the Town web site that talks about the overall Town government structure and each committee. The Town annual report may be a resource for materials for this.

It was also discussed how much overlap there is between the civic engagement work of VIC and the Governance Structure Committee Solomon chaired. It was determined there is little overlap and Paul offered to send the VIC copies of the recommendations from the Governance Structure Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Secretary pro tem,
Tim Bowman